

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Allowance of Claims 14-28 and 36-38

Applicants again gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 14-28. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 36-38. No limitation on the scope of these claims should be inferred from the arguments below since these claims have already been indicated as being allowable.

Conditionally Allowed Dependent Claims 34, 35, 39, and 40

Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the conditional allowance of claims 34, 35, 39, and 40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, and any intervening claims.

Without acquiescing to the substance of the rejections of claims 29-33, by this amendment, claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of conditionally allowed claim 39, and claim 32 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of conditionally allowed claim 34. Claims 35 and 40 have been appropriately revised to depend from claims 32 and 29, respectively.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 29-33, 35, and 40 are now in condition for allowance. No limitation on the scope of these new claims should be inferred from the arguments below since these claims have already been indicated as having allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-13

Without acquiescing to the substance of the rejections of claims 1-13, by this amendment, claims 1-13 have been canceled without prejudice to render the rejections thereof moot, and in light of the above amendments regarding the remaining claims, to place this case in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to make these claims the subject of a separate divisional application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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